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RELIEF IS BADLY NEEDED.

REPORT OF CAPT. RAY ON CONDITIONS IN THE KLODNYKE—FOOD SCARCE AND WORK SCARCE.

No Place Discoveries for the Last Eight Months—Capt. Ray Recommends That Immigration to the Territory Be Checked—Lawless Banding Together for Purposes of Robbery—Confirmation of the Report of Mob Attack on Food Supplies. Washington Post.

Gen. Merriam, under instructions from Acting Secretary Meiklejohn, of the War Department, has opened at Seattle the dispatches brought by Special messenger Wells from Capt. Ray, the department's special representative in the Klondyke, and forwarded an abstract of them to the department by telegraph. Acting Secretary Meiklejohn was so much impressed with the statements wired that he submitted the dispatches at once to Secretary Alger, who is now convalescing at a hotel from a long illness, and after consultation with other officials the paper was sent over to the White House, where it formed the subject of consideration by the cabinet meeting yesterday.

It is said at the department that the report of Capt. Ray fully justifies all that had been done by Secretary Alger and Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, under the authority conferred by Congress, to relieve the situation in the Klondyke. The report of Capt. Ray is particularly acceptable in view of the conflicting statements as to conditions in the gold field that have been made by persons coming out this winter, for it is not doubted that he had broader field of observation than the others who have made reports and with him have had contact as to the exact statements that form the guiding principles of all army officers when called on to make reports in the line of duty, this report is taken as establishing the facts for all official purpose.

The state of affairs in the Klondyke as thus revealed is worse than was suspected at the war department, and indeed so large is the task that remains to be executed in order to insure the safety of life and property on the American side of the line alone, that the War Department officials have concluded to advise Congress as to the facts and place upon the legislative branch the duty of devising ways and means to meet the exigencies of the case.

The abstract of Capt. Ray's report, as telegraphed by Maj. Robinson, is as follows:

CAPT. RAY'S REPORT IN ABSTRACT.

SEATTLE, WASH., Jan. 31.—The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington D. C.

Complying with telegram of to-day, five letters and two packages from Capt. P. H. Ray, addressed to you, in hands of Special Courier E. H. Wells, intercepted by me. Substances as follows: Latest bear date of November 2 and 3, refer to action and attempted robbery of coaches, recommend that United States government take steps to effectually check immigration to interior of Alaska of all persons not fully supplied to last two years. Give as reason no way to earn a living and that no place discoveries have been made within last eight months, either in Alaska or the Northwest Territory.

There is no employment for any large number of people in any capacity; all values are speculative. There is no fixed standard for labor. There is not now, or likely to be within twelve months, adequate or efficient means of supplying people now in Alaska or Northwest Territory. Is of opinion that about 7 per cent. of all people who have entered during past year have earned their living, and hundreds are now scattered along the river, destitute of food, clothing, and money. People coming in have not had faintest conception what to do to earn a living, and after spending money they become dazed and helpless. State's rush will be great the next year, and any step that will prevent people from coming in their ignorance will be an act of charity.

In view of recent developments and knowledge that the laws are banding together along the river for purpose of robbery, gave suggestion for government placing on the river small light draft steamers with high power, armed and used to patrol river, and the placing of detachments as the movement of the people demands.

Courier sent with dispatches by 4 p.m., train to-day to report to Gen. Robinson. Also recommend preliminary survey by Cook's Inlet to the interior for all American roads.

To Declare Martial Law.

SEAGRAY, Alaska, Jan. 31, via Seattle, Washington, Feb. 5.—A petition has been circulated here and at Dyes asking the War Department to send three hundred troops here. The petition and order may be preserved. The petition is being signed by nearly all the best elements. It reads as follows:

"To the Honorable Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

"We, the undersigned citizens and business men of Alaska respectfully petition and set forth:

"That, there is an extraordinary number of affairs existing at and near Dyes and Skagway, Alaska, which call for prompt attention from the proper authorities.

"As a result of the recent discoveries of gold in and near Dawson City, N. W. T., Canada, during the past two years, there is an enormous rush of people to that country from all parts of the world and it is estimated that 250,000 people will start for the gold fields of Alaska and the Northwest Territory, Canada, during the present year, and not less than 75 per cent. will attempt to go in by way of the Chilkoot and White passes. Even at this early day the full capacity of every steam sailing ship on the Pacific coast is taxed to its utmost capacity to carry the passengers and freight that is being offered and they are being dumped off at these two points at the number

of 300 a day, which will soon be greatly increased.

"In view of the fact that there is no local civil government in the territory of Alaska, and no one with sufficient authority to enforce the laws of the land and much less to prevent crime and disorder, and in view of the large number of the undesirable and criminal class who are now flocking to our community to prey upon the unwary and innocent pilgrim, it is deemed to have some with sufficient authority and in sufficient numbers to prevent disorder and blockades on the trails leading to the Lakes Lindemann and Bennett, and to protect the property of citizens of the United States.

"And, believing this to be an extraordinary emergency, we believe that martial laws should be declared in all of this part of Alaska, comprising the communities of Dyes and Skagway and the trails leading thereto, to the international boundary, and that sufficient troops, not less than 300, be immediately dispatched to these points to enforce the laws and preserve order.

AN OPEN LETTER

To all the Silver-plated Gold-ing Democratic Newspapers. Editors That Have Been Pretending to Contend for Reform.

Editor Caucasian—I wish to ask you in your valuable paper to ask the above gentlemen if they are truly in earnest about wanting to reform the National Government, and are not serving the money power instead of the people. Why did not you spend your time in writing to the people telling the people of your party what a patriotic statesman North Carolina had in the Honorable Marion Butler, instead of using your columns to publish the lying Rocky Mount slander. No, gentlemen, one and all you are not in earnest about wanting to serve the people need. You are only serving the enemies of reform, and trying to fool the people one time more, but the Populists are standing guard on the watch tower. We have made up our minds to be exposed our rotteness, and because we exposed the bullion pens and ballot-box stuffing in the grand old North State. Before we broke that up you had only to fix your majority and nothing but causing trouble on part of the people. 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WHAT WE SHALL DO.

Until there is some radical change in the Democratic machine of this State, which machine calls itself the Democratic party, we shall make every effort of which we are capable to obstruct its success and warn the people against it, and will fight with all the energy we can command, the silver-plated, goldbug organs which call themselves Democratic papers. We shall tell of its past recklessness and incompetence; we shall illustrate its hypocrisy; we shall expose its malevolence and baseness; we shall prove that it is an organized defamer and liar.

As long as it takes to its bosom free silver papers and goldbug organs with out official distinction, we shall oppose it.

As long as it professes one thing in a platform and does an exactly oppo-
site thing in the halls of the State leg-
islature, we shall fight it.

As long as it professes to favor cer-
tain measure and principles, and then denounces the only men who are earnestly and officially seeking to establish these measures and principles, we shall denounce it.

As long as it associates with itself as its representative a journalism whose highest ambition and noblest achieve-
ments are to invent and apply nick-
names to public officials, we shall denounce it.

As long as it remains as it now is
we can and shall defeat it.

We desire, however, to make it plain-
ly understood that in fighting and de-
nouncing this machine and its journal-
ism, we have no complaint against the voters or the people generally who have voted with the machine. We under-
stand that they have allowed themselves to be deceived and imposed upon, and we know something of the courage required to break away from a prevailing community sentiment and from old affiliations of a political nature.

But we have a firm confidence that all this deception will end and that all necessary courage will come. This confidence is based on a deep-rooted belief in the integrity and justice which prevail among the people if the people will once get on the alert. For four years past there have been absolute evidences of the fact that the people are waking up, and these evidences are on an encouraging and gratifying increase year after year. We do not know when a sufficient number will be so thoroughly awake as to effect a government for the people, instead of for rings and trusts, but we do know the time will come. Our condemnation of the machine and its spifful and contemptible journalisms should be accompanied by broad and liberal effort to expedite the awakening of those who are yet too sleepy to see the truth, or who are yet wanting in courage to defy and despise the little cliques and rings in towns and cities. There should be no condemnation of these people. They are sure to be our strongest supporters and builders as soon as they shall understand that the machine papers they read have succeeded in duping and deceiving them.

So let us fight the machine and its journalisms—not the people: for on the people depend the people's interest and their freedom from the exactions of organized conspiracy and plunder.

Let us not be discouraged if progress is slow.

It required many years for the French people to free themselves from the oppression and plunder of the haughty nobles and rulers of that country. It required forty years or more of agitation to effect the abolition of chattel slavery in this country. Many years ago a prophecy and belief were expressed by a man who had a heart for the people, and who believed in their ultimate emancipation. This man was Tennyson, and some of his lines and utterances approximate grandeur. A few quotations are here given from Locksley Hall:

What is that which I shall turn to, lighting upon days like these? Every door is barred with gold, and opens but to golden keys.

Every gate is thronged with suitors, all the market overflow.

I have but one fancy: what is that which I should do?

Men, brothers, men the workers, ever reaping something new;

That which they have done but earned of the things that they shall do;

For I dip into the future, far as human eye could see;

Saw the Vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be;

Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argo-
sies of magic sail;

Plots of purest light, dropping down
with costly bales.

Far along the world-wide whisper of the
south-wind rushing warm,

With the standards of the peoples plumping
through the thunder-storm;

Till the war-drum throbbed no longer, and
the battle flags were furled

In the domain of man, the Federation
of the world.

There the common sense of the most shall
hold a frivilous realm in awe;

And the kindly earth shall slumber lapt in
universal law.

So I triumphed, ere my passion sweeping
through me left me dry,

Left me with the palied heart, and left me
with the soundied eye.

Eye, to which all order fester, all things
have not yet slowly, creeping on
from point to point:

Yet I doubt not though the ages are in-
creasing purpose runs,

And the thoughts of men are widening
with the process of the suns.

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers, and
lingers on the shore,

And the world's wiser, and the world is more and more

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers, and
Full of sad experience moving toward the
silences of rest.

WE NEVER SPEAK AS WE PASS BY."

The Post and—

Roxboro Courier.

The Post and—Roxboro Courier. Two bright and newsway morning papers have recently made some valuable additions to their plant—the first put in type machines and the latter has added new press of the latest make. Both papers are much improved. Thanks for both the Post and the—

The above clipping is from last Saturday's issue of the Morning Post. The Post is a new Democratic paper published in Raleigh. We make this announcement in consequence of a grave attack on the part of a sister Democratic paper of the Post. This sister Democratic paper assumes the aristocratic title of News and Observer, though her real name is "Nauseous Lie Server." She held a government job once and as a result thereof grew to be so uppity and highfalutin that she does not condescend to notice people who have no pedigree, or people who have no old associations. Yet, strange to say, she doesn't like old associations herself, for the mention of "buffalo cal" makes her as mad as a red-raged she bull. But she won't get so "low down," as to recognize upstarts, and so far as any notice from her is concerned, the world would never have known the Post was born. Never by word or deed has she compromised her dignity in any public way so much as an indirect reference to the Post's existence.

The Post appears to be a buxom young buster who just doesn't care a continental dad-slam whether "she" speaks to him or not. So far as he is concerned, he wouldn't bathe in the same ocean at the same time with her, and you don't catch him associating his name with hers even if some other people do have the "bad taste" to do so. So, when the Post desires to repeat some compliment which may have been passed on him and associated with her, he becomes embarrassed as to how he can get his part with announcing her share. Call her REAL NAME? Never! What then? Some other name? No!! And the next best thing is to name her—, equal to nothing respectable enough to be mentioned within the same breath.

As the boys say, "that racket won't work." They know it won't, but they know all about it; but there were some other things also that they knew. They knew that they had been using free passes to work political conventions and to lobby legislatures. They knew they had succeeded at it, they knew that they had a Railroad Commission which was winking at it and priding by it.

They thought they had a case in fee on Governors and Judges and Railroad Commissioners.

That's where they slipped; but when the indictments come on them, it will be great fun to hear them plead ignorance. How many Judges will be humbugged by that clatter?

AN AVALANCHE OF LIES.

The Hessian Press, mostly daily newspapers, being Morgan's organs down in North Carolina, have evidently entered into an agreement that, having failed in their plan to make anybody believe their lies about Senator Butler, they will now undertake a campaign of lying against Governor Russell. Almost every day these Tory sheets have contained some lie and most of them sent out by their hired liar in Raleigh.

There was the story about the Governor cursing at a conductor on a rail- road about free passes. This was an out and out lie. No such incident ever occurred. Unlike most lies, there was not even a scintilla of truth at the bottom of it.

Some little hired monopoly sheet in

Wilmington, put out a sensational

screech about the Governor going

down to the beach on Sunday with

other prominent men and there holding a political caucus. Full

details were given of what was said

and done, with particulars of time,

place and circumstances. This stuff

was copied in the goldbug sheets all

over the State. It was all a lie. The Governor on the Sunday mentioned was in Raleigh. There was no such

caucus. The whole thing was invent-

ed and sent out by lying scribblers

who are hired by the corporations to

serve the money power.

ANOTHER BIG TRUST FORMED.

The three large cracker biscuit

corporations of New York, Pittsburgh

and Chicago are organizing this week

in one trust with \$30,000,000 capital.

These three corporations have secured

control of all the other large factories

of the country and all small ones will

be forced out of business. This is an

almost everyday occurrence. If a stop

is not put to it, soon every business in

the country will be monopolized into

a few mammoth industrial trusts. This

thing will go on until those who are

opposed to monopolies and trusts vote

to remove the causes that inevitably

produce and foster trusts. Congress

made its fatal mistake when it allowed

the three great instruments of com-

merce which are natural monopolies

to go into the hands of private cor-

porations. This blunder created the

first three trusts known in our coun-

try. These are the parent trusts,

those who control the instruments of

commerce can put any and every line

of business into a trust at will—a trust

is the logical result of all the evils

that now curse the body politic. A

trust can not be organized and main-

tained during a period of general pro-

perity. The causes that produce and

foster trusts. A trust is the child of

business stagnation and feeds upon

hard times; when once organized it ag-

gravates the evil conditions that gave

it birth. Therefore let us apply the

anti-monopoly doctrine of Thos. Jef-

erson and remove the great parent

trusts and thus remove the causes that

have produced and are today produc-

ing the great aggregations of monster

industrial trusts.

P. S. Since the above was written

two more gigantic trusts have been

formed. One is the wire and nail trust

with a capital of \$7,000,000. This is one

of the most mammoth combines yet

formed. In the last few days the price

of wire and nails has gone up—see ac-

count of it in news columns.

The other trust formed is the paper

trust. Its aim being to control the

output and manufacture of paper—

an article that enters in every home

and business place. The publishers of

the small country weekly papers will

have to pay the increased prices de-

manded by the trusts which in some

cases will cause the hard struggling

publisher to suspend. This trust is

aligned to the in'amus Lynd measure,

that both are seeking to destroy the

circulation of the farmers weekly vis-

itor, his county paper, which at present

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THE CAUCASIAN.

Raleigh, N. C., February 10, 1898.

The Democratic executive Committee will hold a meeting in Raleigh on February 22.

Seekers after gold are often disappointed. Seekers after health find it meets every expectation.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday and Tuesday of this week. Routine business was transacted. J. J. Rector and Mr. J. L. Harris were appointed a committee to examine the claims against the special road tax fund for Raleigh township.

Articles of agreement were filed with the Secretary of State for the formation of the Worth Company. The business proposed is a general merchandising business, leasing and selling the lands, and property of all kinds, the place of business being in the city of Raleigh. The capital stock is not to exceed \$600,000. The number of shares subscribed is 1,000 and the amount of each share is \$100.

Mr. John Upchurch, cotton weigher, met with a serious accident Monday, which may result seriously. Mr. Upchurch was squatting on the ground by a wagon looking out the window when the wagon started off and the wheel which was poised upon the wheel was thrown upon Mr. Upchurch, striking him in the back between the shoulders and mashing him flat on the pavement. His home is in Swift Creek township to which place he was taken, after receiving medical services.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company have filed suit in the Railroad Commission for \$5,000 bond.

It is remembered that the Commission ordered a reduction of telephone rental rates to go into effect February 1st and afterwards granted the companies another hearing February 17th.

The Commission then allowed the companies to file a bill to protest the telephone rates, not to put the new rates into effect until after the final decision February 17th.

The Wisserset Mills Co. of Stanly county, was incorporated last week. The capital stock of the company is to be not less than \$175,000, and the principal place of business is to be the town of Albemarle. The business of the company will consist of spinning and weaving wool, cotton and other textile productions and manufacturing of same into cloth other fabrics and the sale of such manufactured products.

Pineville township was one of the eight or ten townships in North Carolina which voted for special local taxation of schools. The act under which the school tax was held provided that for each dollar raised for schools by taxation or by voluntary contribution, the State would contribute a like amount. Mr. E. H. Walker, county treasurer, sent to Superintendent of Public Instruction a sworn statement of the amount of special tax raised by the school fund in Pineville township, \$29,71, and the amount raised by voluntary contribution in Clear Creek township, \$250. The State will duplicate this amount, and thus in these two townships \$55,71 will be added to the school fund.

Superintendent Logan D. Howell of the city schools has compiled some interesting statistics. The statement given out is as follows:

The fourth school month ended January 21st. During the month 21 new pupils entered the white schools, and 254 the colored. They were distributed: 43 at the Centennial, 48 at the Murphy, 11 at the Washington, 12 at the Gardner, 11 in the Winston School; 35 at the Oberlin. The total enrollment for the year thus far reaches 2,543 children; 1,229 white, 1,314 colored. This is an increase over the total enrollment for the whole nine months last year of 63 white, 20 colored.

YOU WISH TO BE WELL.

You must fortify your system against the attacks of disease. Your blood must be kept pure, your stomach and digestive organs in order, your appetite good. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the medicine to build you up, purify and enrich your blood and give you strength. It creates an appetite and gives digestive power.

Hood's PILLS are the favorite family cathartic, easy to take easy to operate.

FENTON'S BULLETIN.

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture has constructed with the Board of Directors of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts for the analysis of fertilizers by the Experiment Station, which is controlled by the Board of Trustees. One of the conditions, as specified in the contract, is that the Department of Agriculture will have the services of the Experiment Station in the analysis of fertilizers, in accordance with this agreement, the special bulletins, which have been issued by the Experiment Station containing analyses of fertilizers, are discontinued, and all parties wishing to obtain analyses for the same, to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., and not to the Experiment Station.

SUCCESSFUL PHYSICIANS.

We highly recommend Dr. H. H. Way & Co., of 22½ South Broad St. Atlanta, Ga., as being perfectly reliable and remarkably successful in the treatment of chronic diseases. We have written to him, where others fail. Our readers if in need of medical help should certainly write these eminent doctors and you will receive a free and expert opinion of your case by return mail without cost; this certainly is the right way to do business. They guarantee their cures. Write them today.

Forty Days of Winter.

The ground hog emerged from his hole Wednesday saw his shadow, and precipitately return to the same. Therefore according to the old legend, winter will hold supreme sway for the next forty days.

Heating on Eleventh.

Salisbury Sun.—A. C. Avery was seen here this morning going from Raleigh to Morganton. He said to a Sun reporter that he yesterday mailed Hon. Kerr Craigie, Special Master, to hear the evidence as to the issue of fraud in the lease of the North Carolina Railroad and to the same day received a telegram from the defendants, of whom he is one, that they desired to take testimony on the 11th of February. The hearing is to be held in the court house here, before Special Master Kerr Craigie, with whom the defendants, Russell and Company, desire to examine, are Samuel Spencer, President of the Southern Railroad, and the auditor and treasurer of the same company. The defendants desire certain books of the Southern, which that company has heretofore failed to produce to them.



"Rust."

the dread of the cotton grower, can be prevented. Trials at Experiment Stations and the experience of leading growers prove positively that

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is the only remedy.

We will be glad to send, free of charge, interesting and useful pamphlets which treat of the matter in detail.

GERMAN KALI WORKS,
93 Nassau St., New York.

GOOD SCHOOL ADVICE.

Some Things Parents in the Rural Districts May Do for Public Schools.

To the Editor.—While in general we are in public schools and what the teachers make them, there is much that may be done by the parents to help make these schools accomplish what they may and should do.

In the first place the parents should be the watch-dogs of the teacher.

Some parents think they have done their whole duty when they send their children to school.

I admit this is a very important duty and one I am sorry to say is often neglected. We must, of course, have the children in school in order for them to be benefited by the school.

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Children's Corner

Fish Fry invitation.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C., Jan. 3, 1898.

MR. EDITOR:—This is my first letter to you for your valuable paper. My papa takes your paper and likes to read it very much. I like to read the Childrens Corner. I am a little girl 12 years old and live on a farm four miles from Rockingham, South. I have two brothers and one sweet little brother, his name is Susie Ethel nearly two years old. I live near the Great Pee Dee river. I wish the cousins could be with me Easter Monday to enjoy a fish fry. I hope this will escape the waste basket. Best wishes to you and your valuable paper. Much love to the cousins.

SALLIE B. YATES.

More Questions.

HORTON, N. C., Jan. 3, 1898.

MR. EDITOR:—I will make an attempt to write to your paper for my first time. My papa takes your paper.

I am going to school at Beaver Dam Academy. My teachers name is Rev. Mr. Frank Underwood. I like to go to school. I will answer and ask the cousins a few questions.

Captain Mollie was the wife of a patriot cannonner who fought in the battle of Mammouth.

Columbus was buried four times.

How many President of the U. S. were born in North Carolina?

What State in U. S. is called the mother of the Presidents?

When was George Washington born and when did he die?

When was New Orleans founded?

In fear of the waste basket I will close.

Yours truly,

HAMPTON BRITT.

Some New Questions.

HORTON, N. C., Jan. 31, 1898.

MR. EDITOR:—I will try to write a very short letter to tell the little cousins hear from me. I have been going to school at Beaver Dam Academy but I had to stop a few weeks. I am going to start again to-morrow. I like my teacher very well. His name is Rev. Frank Underwood.

My papa takes your paper and I enjoy reading it especially the Children's Corner.

I will answer Anna May Lewis's questions.

Megellan was the first man to sail around the world.

There are 31,173 verses in the Bible.

I will answer one of Norm Pearson's question.

It was Patrick Henry that said, "Give me liberty or give me death."

I will ask some questions.

What great General was it said "We will give them the bayonet?"

What General was it said, "Don't give up the ship?"

What did Cornwallis surrender?

What was slavery introduced?

What was the last colony of America?

If this short letter escapes the waste basket I will come again. I will close by saying much success to THE CAUCASIAN.

TEMPE A. BRITT.

HOW THE CHILDREN ENTERTAINED

THE BISHOP.

The children were all standing around the minister's chair, and he was trying with their assistance to read the Bishop's letter. It didn't matter that some of them couldn't read even "cat." They were all down to Dummy Dee, the baby, trying to help the minister find out whether the Bishop was coming to see them Tuesday or Thursday. This was Tuesday.

There were six children, and the minister was their father. They had just moved to a new diocese, and had never seen the Bishop, so he had written that he would call, on his way through town, and spend a day or two with them, and he would come either Tuesday or Thursday.

The mother of the family was in the next room washing dishes. By and by, she, too, came and looked over her husband's shoulder.

"Why, it's Thursday, just as plain as any writing I ever saw," she exclaimed at once. "So we can go out this afternoon and call on old Mrs. Smithers, just as we intended to, in Mr. Jones' buggy."

"I don't know, I hope you are right. I never saw worse writing," said the minister, frowning and trying another pair of spectacles.

But they finally decided it was Thursday, so directly after luncheon they started, and after solemnly promising they would not get into mischief, and would play in the front yard all the time under the eye of a friendly neighbor, who promised to watch them from her front window—where she placidly slumbered all the afternoon—the six children were left in a disconsolate row on the fence, loudly wishing that Mr. Jones' buggy was large enough to take them all out to see old Mrs. Smithers.

After the three o'clock train came in, a tall man carrying a valise came walking briskly up the street until he reached the minister's gate where he stopped and looked in.

Teddy, Dick and Harlowe were playing soldiers, and they were all on bents with Harlowe, who beat the drum, which was nice. Polly, Mollie and Dummy Dee were reviewing the troops from the front porch. Polly was Queen Victoria, with a kitchen-spoon train, and her head; a saucerman for a crown, on her head; from this depended several shiny curls, which hung gracefully around her rosy face; but a stately carriage was rendered quite imperative, the sauceman crown being many sizes too large, and promised to fall off if jiggled.

Molly loyally elected to be Mrs. Cleveland, and her costume was a buff Holland window shade—which came on the roller just time—pinched to the bottom of her dress, and her head was jauntily poised her mother's red sweeping cap.

Dummy Dee represented the whole infantile Cleveland family, while for his smart enough to be a dozen President's babies, they all agreed and Dummy Dee sucked his thumb and did not care.

"Does the Rev. Frank Thurston lot?"

Much in Little Hood's Pills

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